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EVENT: Guilty Plea

**DEFENDANT: Lee Helm, 60, of Detroit Michigan
Director of Housing Commission Admits Embezzlement**

Lee Helm, age 60, of Detroit, has pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling from the Ecorse Housing Commission. Mr. Taylor pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow on Thursday, February 17.

Helm admitted, through his guilty plea, that he embezzled over \$11,000 from the Commission while he was its Executive Director, between 1999 and 2002, by unlawfully using a Commission credit card for personal expenses.

Helm was referred to the United States Probation Department for a presentence investigation. Sentence will be imposed on May 18.

United States Attorney Craig S. Morford commended the United States Department of Housing Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their successful investigation in this case. Assistant United States Attorney Lynn Helland prosecuted this case.